

After reading the Washington Post article on the leniency accorded Sinclair in buying up so many stations to form a near monopoly of information similar to the type of thing we criticized about the former Soviet Union and other dictatorships, I am outraged by the use of their illegitimate power to try to sway this most important election by pretending lies and propaganda are "news" I also object to the lack of coverage of the Democratic Convention denying the American people a chance to hear the Democratic platform from the people who put it together instead of the rightwing press who pretend that they are "balanced and fair in coverage." Please revoke Sinclair licensing which is turning our democracy into a dictatorship.

Sinclair Broadcast Group's recent actions have illustrated the dangers to localism caused by media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.